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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 21 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Middle East (S/1997/884 and S/1997/904)*

Other matters

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* To be followed by a formal meeting.

5 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Briefing by Ambassador Richard Butler, Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b) (i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Other matters

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMISSION (UNSCOM)

Emergency meeting

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1366th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Jamaica (A/52/233 and Add.1) [8].

10 a.m.	51st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization: draft resolution (A/52/L.20/Rev.1) [34].

2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [38]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/513);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.28).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.28 (item 12) and A/C.2/52/L.32 (item 100)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals A/C.2/52/L.27 (item 97 (f)), A/C.2/52/L.30 (item 97 (f)) and A/C.2/52/L.31 (item 97 (h))

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.55 and Corr.1, L.56, L.57, L.58, L.60, L.66 and L.67

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.61 and L.63

3. Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [112 (d)]

Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.64

4. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.49

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.44, L.46, L.47, L.48, L.51, L.52 and L.53

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [121] (A/52/30, A/52/439 and A/C.5/52/18)

Continuation of general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [138]

Consideration of and action on draft decision A/C.5/52/L.8

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Review of the efficiency of the administration and financial functioning of the United Nations: Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms (A/49/368 and Corr.1, A/49/471 and Corr.1, A/49/633 and A/51/674))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6 (Vol. I and II), A/52/16 and Add.1 and A/52/7 and Chapter II, Parts I-XII))

* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 2

Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism [152]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.24.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/52/L.9 and Corr.1, A/C.6/52/L.14 and A/C.6/52/L.8.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [149]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.10/Rev.1.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303)
3. United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 21 November 1997

THE GROUP OF 77
(on the United Nations Reform)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.17, L.5, L.18, L.21 and L.25)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room S-3963

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

12 noon -1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the scale of assessments)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Room S-3963

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.2 and L.4)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the security of humanitarian personnel under agenda item 20 will be held *today*, 21 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 24 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 52nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of nineteen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [16 (c)].

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [42]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/374);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.8).

3. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/270, A/52/443).

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:

      (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/297, A/52/341, A/52/433, A/52/434, A/52/500, A/52/525, A/52/532, A/52/535, A/52/562, A/52/563, A/52/568, A/52/678);

      (ii) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.14, L.16).

   (d) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/159).

   (e) Participation of volunteers, ' White Helmets', in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/586);

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.32*).

   (f) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/537);

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.33*).

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* To be issued.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin consideration of the remaining items on its agenda, namely, item 86 (United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and item 87 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) during the week of 24 November 1997. The deadline for submission of draft proposals relating to these items is Monday, 24 November, at 6 p.m.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to agenda items 86 and 87 are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-3380, tel.: 963-9223).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 25 November 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The next meeting of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegates are invited to present information on developments at the national level in preparation for the year.

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Special event

H. E. Mr. Fidel V. Ramos, President of the Republic of the Philippines, will deliver UNFPA's Seventh Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture, on the theme "It Can Be Done ... Population Management through People Empowerment and Consensus-Building", on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer period. All member of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 19 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Human rights questions [112]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Liberia, India, Cuba, Liechtenstein, Pakistan, Israel, South Africa, Andorra and Togo.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

43rd meeting

Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice [103]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.5 and L.43

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division made a statement in connection with the statement of programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/52/L.43.

Following a statement by the representative of the United States, the Committee agreed to postpone action on the draft resolution to a later date.

Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.42

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopt the draft resolution, without a vote.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.40/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Costa Rica and Guatemala joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 109.

The right of peoples to self-determination [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.41

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Guinea and Guinea-Bissau joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The representative of Israel spoke in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 141 to 2 with 7 abstentions.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon, Norway and the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke in explanation of vote after the vote.

A statement was made by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 111.

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.36

The Committee was informed that action on the draft resolution was postponed.

Human rights questions [112]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the Sudan, Yemen, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Greece.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made concluding remarks.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Algeria, Israel, Iraq, the Sudan, Turkey, Cyprus and Greece.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed delegations of the organization of work for the remainder of the week.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 32nd and 33rd meetings

The Chairman of the Host Country Committee, Ambassador Sotirious Zackheous of Cyprus introduced the Committee's report (A/52/26).

The representative of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Malaysia, Brazil, the Russian Federation, Belarus, Cuba and the United States made statements.

Ambassador Moushoutas of Cyprus introduced draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.10.

It was announced that Bulgaria had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.10.

Establishment of an International Criminal Court [150]

Mr. Rolf Welberts (Germany), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, introduced draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.16.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The representative of the Sudan spoke.

Draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.16 was adopted without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of item 150.

Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property [144]

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.18.

Draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.18 was adopted without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of item 144.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its 49th session [147]

The representative of India, introduced draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.15 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (Russian only).

The Chairman of the Committee drew attention to document A/C.6/52/L.20 containing programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

A separate vote was requested on paragraphs 10 and 11 of the draft resolution. Paragraphs 10 and 11 were adopted by a vote of 76 in favour, one against and 9 abstentions.

The representatives of New Zealand, the United States, Malaysia, Turkey, Tunisia, Ukraine, Viet Nam, Canada, the United Kingdom, Portugal, Argentina and Zambia spoke.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.15 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (Russian only) as a whole, without a vote.

The representatives of Mexico and Cuba explained their position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The representatives of Ukraine and India spoke.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of item 147.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [145]

It was announced that Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Germany, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Niger, Trinidad and Tobago and Ukraine had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.17 and Corr.1.

Draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.17 and Corr.1 was adopted without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of item 145.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151]

It was announced that Brazil had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/52.L.9.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [152]

The representatives of Canada, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Nigeria, the Sudan, China, Lebanon, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Costa Rica, Australia, Sri Lanka, Germany, Iraq, Algeria, Netherlands, Japan, Brazil, Austria, Venezuela, India, the United Kingdom, Italy, the Czech Republic, the United States, Tunisia, Uruguay, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Colombia, Finland, Norway, Greece, Argentina, Sweden, France, Chile, Spain, Guinea, Nigeria, Egypt, Jordan and the observers for the Holy See and Switzerland spoke in connection with draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.13* and Corr.1 (French only).

The representative of Pakistan did not press for a decision on amendments to draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.13* and Corr.1 (French only) contained in document A/C.6/52/L.19.

The representatives of Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, the Syrian Arab Republic and China explained their position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.13* and Corr.1 was adopted without a vote.

The representatives of Algeria, New Zealand, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Canada, Lebanon, Japan, South Africa, India, Turkey and Jamaica explained their position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The representatives of Israel, the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon spoke in exercise of the right of reply.

The representatives of Cuba and the United States spoke.

The Chairman made a statement.

Thursday, 20 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

50th plenary meeting

Statements on the occasion of the eighth African Industrialization Day

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statement on the occasion of Universal Children's Day

The President made a statement.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/52/110) [17 (j)]

Since, from among the Latin American and Caribbean States, there were two candidates for one vacancy, the General Assembly proceeded to select by secret ballot one State from the Latin American and Caribbean States that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, would propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

On the first round of balloting Colombia was selected to propose a candidate.

The President announced that he would propose a candidate to the General Assembly for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit after holding the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (j) of agenda item 17.

Towards a culture of peace: draft resolution (A/52/L.4/Rev.1) [156]

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.4/Rev.1.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.4/Rev.1 (resolution 52/13).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Estonia, Norway and Poland) and Japan.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 156.

Universal Congress of the Panama Canal: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/435 and Corr.1) [28]

The representative of Panama made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 28.

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [32]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/462)

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.24/Rev.1)

The representative of South Africa made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.24.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Benin, Nigeria and Brazil.

By 157 votes in favour to 0 against, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.24/Rev.1 (resolution 52/14).

The representative of France made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 32.

Report of the Economic and Social Council: draft resolutions (A/52/L.15, L.18, L.21 and L.22) [12]

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.15.

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.18.

The representative of Japan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.22.

On the proposal of the representative of Japan, the General Assembly decided not to take action on draft resolution A/52/L.21.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/52/L.15, L.18 and L.22 (resolution 52/15, 52/16 and 52/17).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

The General Assembly was informed that the consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 17 (Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal) was postponed to a later date to be announced.

(a) *Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/670)*

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/52/670), appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on the Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Ioan Barac, Mr. Hasan Jawarneh, Mr. Mahamane Amadou Maiga, Mr. E. Besley Maycock and Mr. C. S. M. Mselle.

(b) *Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/671)*

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/671), appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Uldis Blukis, Mr. David Etuket, Mr. Ihor V. Humenny, Mr. David Leis, Mr. Prakash Shah and Mr. Kazuo Watanabe.

(c) *Appoinment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/672)*

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/52/672), appointed the Comptroller and Auditor-General of the United Kingdom as a member of the United Nations Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1998.

(d) *Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/673)*

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/52/673), confirmed the appoinment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investment Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Ahmad Abullatif, Mr. Fernando Chico Pardo and Mr. J. Y. Pillay.

(f) *Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/675)*

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/52/675), appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Mario Bettati, Mr. Joao Augusto de Medicis, Ms. Lucretia Myers, Mr. Alexis Stephanou and Mr. Ku Tashiro.

The Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in the same paragraph, also appointed Mr. Alexei Fedotov to fill the remainder of a four-year term of office expiring on 31 December 2000.

(g) *Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/676)*

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/52/676), appointed the following persons as members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998: Mr. Tadanori Inomata, Mr. Gerhard Kuntzle, Mr.

Vladimir V. Kutznetsov, Mr. Philip Richard Okanda Owade, Mr. Carlos Dante Riva and Ms. Susan Shearouse.

The Assembly was informed that the Fifth Committee had decided to postpone to a later date the remaining two appointments, from the group of African States and the group of Asian States, respectively.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-items (a), (b), (c), (d) and (f) of agenda item 17.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 17.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [34]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/313)

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.20)

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/52/L.20.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/2 of 13 October 1993, the Secretary-General of the Economic Co-operation Organization made a statement.

On the proposal of the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/52/L.20, action on draft resolution A/52/L.20 was postponed to the following morning.

Programme of work

The President informed members that the General Assembly would consider agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) on Monday, 24 November in the morning, together with its sub-items, with exception of sub-item (c) (Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan). The President further informed members that sub-item (c) would be considered together with agenda item 43 (The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security) at a later date.

The President, in view of the large number of draft resolutions expected under agenda item 20 and of the possible need to hold consultations on them, with a view to reaching a consensus, urged members to submit those draft resolutions as soon as possible, and in any event, not later than Monday, 1 December.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 44th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.27

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Bangladesh introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Canada, Chile, Indonesia, Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mali, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Samoa, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Uganda and the United States.

THIRD COMMITTEE 44th meeting

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.49

The representative of Poland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Israel, Liechtenstein, and the Republic of Moldova, introduced the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.44

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mali, Nigeria and the United Republic of Tanzania, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.45

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Andorra, Chile, Greece, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, the Federated States of Micronesia, Mongolia, Panama, the Philippines, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Solomon Islands and Uzbekistan, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.46

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.47

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.48

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Czech Republic, Liechtenstein, Mauritius, Norway and Slovenia, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.51

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Liechtenstein and Romania, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.52

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Czech Republic, Liechtenstein and Romania, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.53

The representative of Brazil, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Mongolia and Samoa, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.54

The representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Jamaica was not a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

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International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 1997

315th and 316th (closed) meetings

Consideration of information received under article 20 of the Convention [5]

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the items in closed session.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 1997

33rd and 34th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Iraq (E/1994/104/Add.9).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons), adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention at its 8th plenary meeting on 13 October 1995

Acceptance: Liechtenstein (19 November 1997)*

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and other Devices as Amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as Amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties at Geneva on 3 May 1996

Acceptance: Liechtenstein (19 November 1997)*

Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, concluded at Helsinki on 17 March 1992

Accession: Liechtenstein (19 November 1997)*

Convention on Biological Diversity, opened for signature at Rio de Janeiro on 5 June 1992

Ratification: Liechtenstein (19 November 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The main Delegates' Dining-room and private dining rooms will be closed from 23 to 28 November 1997, due to renovations. The Delegates Dining-room buffet service will be available in the West Terrace from 23 to 26 November 1997. Reservations are recommended. No services will be available in the Delegates' Dining Room complex on Friday, 28 November 1997. The Staff Cafe and Cafeteria will be open during that period. All catering facilities will be closed on Thursday, 27 November 1997, Thanksgiving Day.

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Forum

The United Nations World Television Forum, "Television in the New Multimedia Environment", concludes *today*, 21 November 1997 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Organized by the Department of Public Information and co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Radiotelevisione Italiana (RAI) and Mediaset. At 10 a.m., a panel on "New Challenges for International Cooperation" will be moderated by Hassan Hamed, President, Union des Radiodiffusions et Télévisions Nationales d'Afrique (URTNA). In observance of World Television Day, 21 November, there will be a video link with opera star Luciano Pavarotti in Italy. Closing remarks will be made by the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations, Ambassador Francesco Paolo Fulci, and by the Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information, Samir Sanbar. The Forum concludes at 1 p.m. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited media are invited to attend.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) will hold the second set of off-site Internet training course until Monday, 24 November 1997. The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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